

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Harford County Offices to Close at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9 Due to Pending Storm; Citizens Urged to Stay Home, Prepare for Power Outages; State of the County Address Rescheduled

**BEL AIR, Md.,** (Jan. 9, 2024) - Harford County government offices will close at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9 due to heavy rain and high winds expected Tuesday night into Wednesday.

The National Weather Service is calling for rainfall to begin Tuesday, with three to four inches of heavy rain and high winds expected between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. through midnight. Sustained winds of 20 - 29 m.p.h., wind gusts up to 60 m.p.h., and coastal flooding along the Chesapeake Bay are expected.

"Driving could become hazardous and there's a potential for power outages with this storm," County Executive Bob Cassilly said. "I encourage all citizens to stay home if they can and secure any outdoor items that may be blown around by the wind. Charge your cellphones and other devices now in case you lose power. Have a plan for your family and stay safe. If you must be out and you encounter a flooded road, remember to 'turn around, don't drown."

The Harford County Emergency Operations Center is being activated at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Extended county road closures due to the storm will be posted on a map on the county website and listed under the tab for emergency closures at https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/1164/Road-Closures.

County Executive Cassilly's State of the County Address, planned for Tuesday evening, has been rescheduled to 7 p.m. Thursday, January 11 in the Council Chambers at 212 S. Bond Street in Bel Air.

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